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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 851, SENT SECSTATE 18 JAN:

QUOTE S E C R E T MOSCOW 0851

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TAGS: PINT, UR, US

SUBJECT: PNG OF DONALD KURSCH

REF: A. MOSCOW 833; B. MOSCOW 753; C. STATE 11051

1. NOW THAT SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN FINAL STEP ON KURSCH -
AND CHARACTERIZED IT AS "IRREVERSIBLE" - WE ASSUME THAT
DEPARTMENT WILL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO DECLARE A
COUNSELOR OF SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATION IN
WASHINGTON PNG ON RECIPROCAL GROUNDS. ANY APPARENT
HESITATION TO TAKE THIS STEP COULD BE INTERPRETED BY
SOVIETS AS LACK OF RESOLVE AND THUS CALL INTO QUESTION

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OUR DETERMINATION TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THEIR TRADE
REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON DRASTICALLY IF THEY
RESPONDE FURTHER TO OUR RETALIATORY ACTION. LATTER DETERMINATION
SHOULD BE REITERATED IN SPECIFIC TERMS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM
DETERRENCE TO FURTHER SOVIET ACTION.

2. IT IS NOW OF COURSE IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP NEWS OF

KURSCH'S DEPARTURE FROM AMERICAN COMMUNITY AS WHOLE,
INCLUDING U.S. CORRESPONDENTS. WE MUST PULL KURSCH
OFF TRADE SHOW IN COMMERCIAL OFFICE, WHICH WILL BE
OBVIOUS TO ALL CONCERNED. ALSO, HE MUST ENLIST HELP
OF FRIENDS FOR PACKING AND PREPARATIONS FOR DEPARTURE.
FOR THESE REASONS WE ARE LIKELY TO START RECEIVING
PRESS INQUIRIES VERY SOON - PERHAPS THIS EVENING. SINCE
WE CAN HARDLY PLEAD IGNORANCE IF CORESPONDENTS CALL,
WE SHALL USE TALKING POINTS OUTLINED IN PARA 6,
MOSCOW 753 UNLESS AMENDED GUIDANCE RECEIVED IN INTERIM.
GUIDANCE SHOULD BE SENT NIACT IMMEDIATE AND TRANSMITTED
AS EXDIS OR BELOW TO AVOID DELAYS OF DOUBLE ENCRYPTION.
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